

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the last paragraph on page 8 (lines 32-38), continuing on to page 9 (lines 1-4), with the following amended paragraph:

The substrate may be a material unchanged and stable to the detection system, and needs to have surface characteristics suitable for fixing of the carrier. The preferred substrate is non-porous, e.g. a glass substrate such as quartz glass or boro-silicate glass, or an inorganic substrate such as a silicon wafer. However, ~~an~~ a non-porous organic substrate, such as a polyester film or a polyethylene film, can be used, if a method for bonding it to the carrier can be worked out. Suitable surface treatment can be applied to the surface of the substrate in order to adjust, for example, compatibility with a carrier binder.